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SHERMAN, ROBERT JOHN '83

JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
GOVERNOR



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DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

PROBATION & PAROLE-DISTRICT 1

TELEPHONE (207) 879-4800

Jan. 20, 1989

Mr. Ronald R. Klock
Pine Tree Council Inc.,
Boy Scouts of America
125 Auburn St.,
Portland, Maine. 04103

Re: Robert John Sherman

Dear Mr. Klock:

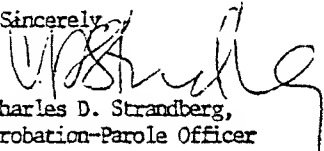
First of all, thank you very much for your comprehensive letter of January 19, 1989. It included all the information I needed.

I have supervised John Sherman on Parole for Massachusetts and New Hampshire for 2 years. On August 22, 1984 John was convicted of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault in the Grafton County Superior Court, and was sentenced to 5 to 15 years. On February 6, 1984 John Sherman was convicted of Rape of a Child in the Middlesex County Superior Court and sentenced to 4½ to 8 years. He was paroled on February 19, 1987 with several special conditions, one of which was no contact with children under the age of eighteen.

John's offenses stemmed from his involvement with the Boy Scouts in Massachusetts.

and no serious involvement with the Boy Scouts.

Sincerely,


Charles D. Strandberg,
Probation-Parole Officer

CDS:ah

cc: Ffile

175 LANCASTER STREET, P.O. BOX 3836, PORTLAND, MAINE 04104

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- Greater Portland
- Seacoast
- York County

NEW

January 19, 1989

Chuck Strandberg
Dist. Probation Office
P.O. Box 3836
Portland, Maine 04104

Re: Robert John Sherman

Dear Mr. Strandberg:

I want to thank you for cooperating with the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America in the matter concerning Robert John Sherman. The purpose of my recent inquiry about Mr. Sherman was to verify rumors of a previous child abuse conviction. We work very closely with chartering institutions of Scout Troops and Cub Packs to protect children. BSA denies membership to convicted child abusers.

On November 21, 1988 Mr. Sherman applied for membership as the Committee Chairman of Scout Troop #154 of Fryeburg-Lovell Kiwanis Club and began conducting meetings and planning camping trips with the boys. On a December camping trip several parents became uncomfortable with his relationship with the boys. They requested a background check by the Kiwanis Club and the Scout Council.

Our background check revealed that Mr. Sherman falsified a great deal of information on his Scout Membership Application. This concealed the fact that his BSA membership had been revoked for reasons of sexual child abuse convictions in the Algonquin Boy Scout Council in Framingham, Mass. several years ago. A copy of his membership application is enclosed for your file.

On January 11, 1989, Robert Denlinger, Scout Executive of the Pine Tree Council, placed a personal phone call to Mr. Sherman ordering him to cease all activities and relationships with the Boy Scouts of America. He has also been informed in writing that his application for membership has been denied.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE August 5, 1983

FULL NAME Robert John SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
John (unknown) Sherman (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS unknown at this time / P.O. Box 61CITY North Woodstock STATE New Hampshire ZIP CODE 03262DATE OF BIRTH 6/2/51 6/7/49 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Jewish NATIONALITY _____OCCUPATION Unemployed (willed money)EDUCATION unknownWEIGHT 150 HEIGHT 5-7/5-8 RACE CaucasianCOLOR OF HAIR Auburn COLOR OF EYES unknownOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS photography/outdoorsMARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN n/a

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE n/a

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
P 36	Framingham	MA	CM	1977	5/83
T 36	Framingham	MA	SA	1980	5/83

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Resignation requested and received -- arrested and indicted on a number of counts of child molestation, etc.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

NOTED

MAY 31 '84 NOTED

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

F. STARON

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

RS-509

4/14/83-nah

MAY 12 1983

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

Algonquin Council, BSA

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ADULT APPLICATION

PART ONE

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making three copies.

First name and initial

ROBERT JOHN SHERMAN

Last name

Social Security number

Address—street or R.F.D.

PO BOX 61

Additional address information (if necessary)

City

ARDWNAFIELD

State

Zip

ME 04010 0061

Home phone

207-935-2765

Business phone

Date of birth

060749

Holding

Age cover

Position

Code

CC

Current employment—occupation, employer, and business address

Application Mtn. Club Saco River Camp

Years at this employment

14

Previous employment—occupation, employer, and business address

Wingfield Ski Area

Emeryville, NH

skier, lifter, electrician

Years at this employment

2

Boys' Life

Check one

☒ New leader

☐ Former leader

Sex

☒ M

Marital status

☒ S

Number of children

11

Age of children

19

Personal signature—see back cover

R. Sherman

Date

11-21-88

Registration fee

\$2.00

Boys' Life fee

\$0.00

Year (in units)

2

Unit renewal date

0390

Month Year

03 90

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished by paying \$1 returned by the council. Check the box and attach certificate. If not, return by the council.

Completed by paying \$1 returned by the council.

PERLOY W. RANGER

Approval—see back cover (sign here and in part two)

Transfer from:

FOR COUNCIL USE

Council

Unit No.

Member ID No.

Member ID No.

Name Robert John Sherman
 Driver's license No. 4737182
 State ME Expiration 10-7-90

Emerg. Medical Technician
National Ski Patrol

Name Gabe & Edwin Merrill
 Address RR 1 - Box 20 (?)
 City/ZIP Brownfield, ME 04010
 Relationship Neighbors Phone 935-2520

1. Previous Scouting background (for last 5 years)

Position	Council	Year
<u>none</u>		

5. Education or special training

☐ Elementary ☐ High school ☒ College ☐ Advanced degree(s)

6. Health limitations or special conditions

none

Name Carl & Pat Anderson
 Address 125 Main St.
 City/ZIP Engleburg, ME 04037
 Relationship rescue + Phone 935-2125
Cave business

2. Previous experience. What other experience, if any, have you had that may assist you in working with youth?

As a volunteer Soccer coach
 In your work or profession camping/hiking
with AMC

3. Previous residences (for last 5 years)

none

7. History of legal involvement

a. Are you free of illegal substance abuse? Yes ☒ No ☐
 b. Have you ever been convicted of criminal offense? (If yes, please explain) Yes ☒ No ☐
 c. Have you ever been arrested or convicted for the use or sale of drugs? Yes ☒ No ☐
 d. Have you ever been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse? Yes ☒ No ☐
 e. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of child neglect or abuse? Yes ☒ No ☐
 f. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? Yes ☒ No ☐
 g. Other than the above matters, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of young people? Yes ☒ No ☐

Carefully read the following statement before signing.

I, the undersigned, understand that:

a. The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application and I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information concerning me to the Boy Scouts of America or local council thereof.

b. In signing this application, I swear or affirm that the information that I have given herein is true and correct.

RJ Sherman Date 11-21-88
 Sign here and in part one

Reviewed and approved by:

PEARLEY W. RANGER Date 11-28-88
 Approval—see back cover (sign here and in part one)

4. Current memberships (religious, community, youth, business, or professional organization)

Appalachian Mtn. Club
Registered Maine Guide
SCUBA Certified

8. References. Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth.

Name Brian Thompson
 Address Rte 152
 City/ZIP Enclisville, NH
 Relationship CO-Worker Phone 603-367-8243

Reh Date 11-28-88
 Scout executive certification

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

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Council, Inc.

BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

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A member agency of the following
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January 11, 1989

Robert J. Sherman
P.O. Box 61
Brownfield, ME 04010-0061

Dear Mr. Sherman:

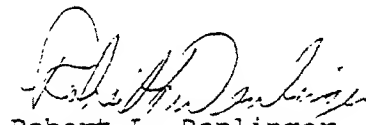
After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely yours,


Roger J. Castonguay
Council President


Robert L. Denlinger
Council Executive

Enclosure

cc: James A. Steadman, SM
Ranger W. Perley, IH

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ADULT APPLICATION

PART ONE

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making three copies.

First name and initial

ROBERT JOHN SHERMAN

Last name

Social Security number

Address—street or R.F.D.

PO BOX 61

Additional address information (if necessary)

City

BROWNFIELD

State

ME

ZIP code

04010-0061

Home phone

207-935-2765

Business phone

Date of birth

060799

Training—see cover

Position Code

CC

Present employment—occupation, employer, and business address

Appalachian Mtn. Club Saco River Camp
P.O. Box 331
Brownfield, ME 04010

Years at this employment

14

Previous employment—occupation, employer, and business address

Kings Pine Ski Area
E. Medford, NH
Ski patrol, lifts, electrician

Years at this employment

2

Boys' Life

Check one:

☒ New leader
☐ Former leader

Sex

M

Marital status

S

Number of children

1

Age of children

19

Personal signature—see back cover

R. Sherman

Date

11-21-88

Registration fee

\$

Boys' Life fee

\$

Term (months)

Unit renewal date

Month Year

PERLEY W. RANGER

Approval—see back cover (sign here and in part two)

Transfer from:

Council

Nat'l unit No.

Member ID No.

☐ If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished by paying \$1 for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

SCUBA Certified

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Relationship CO-Worker

Phone 603-367-8243

Scout executive certification

Date

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Plaintiff's Exhibit 22

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NATIONAL OFFICE

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED ☒

COUNCIL # 218

PHONE NO: 207-797-5252

CALLER: Robert Denlinger

POSITION: LE

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION

VETERANS

EXPLORING

SCOUTING

BOYS' LIFE

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

Re: Confidential

881105

ROBERT JOHN SHERMAN

50154 ID# 060684

Registered as Robert J. Sherman. Was on CF as John Sherman only. Lack of complete name and 3 years difference in birthdate (Entered as '649) made identification difficult. Have now entered complete name into CF file and deleted from MSMA. Issued credit # 007412

NAME

air

DATE

1-11-87

TIME

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3/13/86-cif-567r

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

COUNCIL

No. 213 Date 1-11-89

REFER TO YOUR TRANSMITTAL REPORT NO. _____

☐ CREDIT NOTICE ☐ DEBIT NOTICE

REGISTRATION SERVICE

REGISTRATION Unit No. 50154 term 16 months

- ☐ Unit charter fee of \$20. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- ☐ 1 Leaders (_____ prepaid) @ \$ _____ each. Received \$ 9.40 required \$ 7
(_____ transfer)
- _____ Members (_____ transfer) @ \$ _____ each. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- ☐ _____ Members _____ Leaders listed on transmittal form _____ on application
- ☐ Transfers must pay \$.50 each. Expiration given _____ We have _____
- ☐ Not on transmittal report ☐ Duplicate entry ☐ No application received.
- ☐ Correction made per your letter/telephone call _____
- ☐ No reply to our defective registration notice dated _____
- ☐ Returning _____ ☐ Under Age ☐ Over Age

BOYS' LIFE Term _____ months

- ☐ Paid for _____ subscriptions; listed _____ subscriptions. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- incorrect fees: _____ subscriptions. ☐ Back issues are not available.
- ☐ Please check attached copy. Pay debit—Use credit or return with copy of the roster showing corrections needed.

Robert John Sherman

Please add or subtract the amount(s) indicated on your next transmittal in the proper column(s) and return the original.

BILLING	Unit Charter Fee	\$ _____	Explorer	\$ _____
	Tiger Cub	\$ _____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$ _____
	Cub Scout	\$ _____	Leader	\$ _____
	Boy Scout	\$ _____	Boys' Life	\$ _____
	Varsity Scout	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____
CREDITING	Unit Charter Fee	\$ _____	Explorer	\$ _____
	Tiger Cub	\$ _____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$ _____
	Cub Scout	\$ _____	Leader	\$ <u>9.40</u>
	Boy Scout	\$ _____	Boys' Life	\$ _____
	Varsity Scout	\$ _____	Total	\$ <u>9.40</u>

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READY TO FILE
JUN 4 1984
ERIN O'RILEY

June 1, 1984

Mr. Robert L. Denlinger
Scout Executive
Algonquin Council, No. 241

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John Sherman

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

tkf

cc: Northeast Region

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February 6, 1984

Mr. Robert L. Denlinger
Scout Executive
Algonquin Council, No. 241

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John Sherman

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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CHILD MOLESTER SENT TO WALPOLE

Former Framingham scout leader gets 4½-8 years, p. 12



Northeast Region
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 350
Dayton, New Jersey 08810
(201) 821-6500

7:17AM 020684

Paul:

This (I hope) is the
last of the John Sher-
man business.

I would agree with
the news clip (not
the headlines) that
he is sick and should
not be sent to Walpole,
I doubt if he will get
out alive.

What a waste of talent
and energy...maybe
someday all of us will
learn. There is a
better way to make him
atone.

Hope all are well...
take care.

kjh

F. STARON

FEB 10 1984

Kenneth J. Hesterberg

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DAVID K.

for rewording of a section outlining how and when communities can use free cash.

The vote is currently stalled while sponsors debate an amendment to the measure, Natsios said. That amendment would not affect Holliston, he said.

A second bill aimed at solving the town's fiscal crisis, applicable only

The town's fiscal woes are traced back to a November 1982 Town Meeting, when voters failed to earmark \$350,000 for the stabilization fund.

Town officials apparently lost track of the \$350,000 until June, when tax assessors — complying with state law — used the money to offset the 1982-83 tax rate.

collecting cash, it was estimated that most of its \$600,000 in free cash to make up the deficit, town officials have said.

Fincom Chairman Wallace DeCoster opposes using free cash to plug Holliston's red ink, saying the move would nearly deplete the town's emergency cash fund.

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Man admits to child-porn

Middlesex news
11/17/83

By CHRISTINE DUNN
News County Bureau

CAMBRIDGE — A former Framingham youth leader admitted in court Wednesday that he took nude photographs of four Framingham boys and raped two of them earlier this year.

John Sherman, 32, changed his plea Wednesday at Middlesex Superior Court and admitted his guilt on charges of rape of a child, indecent assault and battery of a child, and distribution of obscene material.

Superior Court Judge Richard S. Kelley said he will sentence Sherman on Dec. 16. Middlesex Assistant District Attorney Paul Kelley said he will recommend a six- to eight-year sentence at Walpole State Prison for Sherman.

William Homans, Sherman's defense attorney, deferred making a sentencing recommendation until the sentencing hearing next month. Homans said his client will be examined by a psychiatrist before sentencing.

Sherman refused to enter a guilty plea to a charge of rape of a child by force, and that charge will

be filed without a change of plea.

Sherman also pleaded no contest to a charge that he fraudulently took two boys on a New Hampshire camping trip last May 13 with the intention of sexually assaulting them.

Although he admitted that he took the boys on the trip and took photographs of them in the nude, Sherman said he did not intend to harm the boys when he took them on the trip.

The charges involve four youths, all of whom are boys 12 and 13 years of age, Paul Kelley said in court.

Sherman admitted to the charge of rape of a child — which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment — when he admitted that he performed oral sex on two of the victims last June 3 in Framingham. He also admitted that he encouraged the same boys to perform sexual acts with each other as he took nude photographs of them on June 3.

Wearing a suit and a tie, Sherman spoke in a quiet voice as he answered questions from Judge Kelley.

Paul Kelley read aloud from written records of victims' statements in court. The victims were not present in the courtroom, but the parents of two of the boys were there.

The parents submitted a letter from their family counselor to Judge Kelley for consideration prior to sentencing.

Sherman, whose permanent residence is in North Woodstock, N.H., lived in Framingham prior to his arrest June 9.

Sherman was a Cub Scout den leader and assistant Boy Scout leader for many years in Framingham. Additionally, he is a former volunteer tutor at the Porter Road Elementary School, where each of the victims was a student, according to Paul Kelley. Sherman is also a former youth group leader in the YMCA.

Sherman has also been indicted by a grand jury in New Hampshire on two charges of committing illegal sexual acts with two 12-year-old Framingham boys. He has pleaded innocent to those charges and is expected to appear in court next week.

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Request to suppress evidence denied

By JONATHAN ROBBINS

News Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE — An accused child molester suffered a legal setback Wednesday when a Middlesex Superior Court judge refused to suppress evidence seized during his arrest.

Attorneys for John Sherman, 22, of Framingham had filed a motion to suppress evidence seized during his arrest and also to disallow any statements he

may have made to police during his arrest.

Sherman, a well known Framingham youth leader, was indicted earlier this year by a Middlesex County grand jury on 12 charges of sex offenses against five Framingham boys.

In a written opinion, Judge John Paul Sullivan threw out that request and ordered a trial date set, according to Assistant District Attorney Paul Kelley. He added that a trial date should

be known within the next few days and that the state is ready to proceed at any time.

Sherman is also scheduled for trial in New Hampshire during the week of Oct. 31.

Sherman is a former youth group leader in the YMCA and scouting, and a former elementary school tutor.

The five alleged victims were 11 and 12 years old and all of the alleged offenses took place in Framingham, according to the

indictments.

The 23-person grand jury issued the following indictments: rape of a child by force on June 3; three counts of statutory rape of a child on June 3 and other unspecified dates; and indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years old on June 3.

Also, five counts of enticing for unlawful sexual intercourse on March 12, May 13, and May

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Request denied

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20; and two counts of posing a child in nudity — taking photographs of two children on June 3.

An arraignment date has not been set.

Sherman is currently free on \$3,000 bail set by Framingham District Court on charges stemming from a June 9 arrest by Framingham police, who charged him with enticing. A week later, he was charged with 11 other sex offenses against youngsters.

He has also been indicted by a grand jury in New Hampshire on two charges of committing illegal sexual acts with two

12-year-old Framingham boys.

Sherman pleaded innocent at arraignment in June. He posted \$5,000 bail set by that court.

A resident of 445 Potter Road, Framingham, until his arrest, Sherman has been charged with enticing local boys to his New Hampshire home for sex and taking photographs of nude boys.

Local police said they seized a camera containing photos of nude boys performing "explicit sexual acts" during a search of Sherman's Framingham home.

Sherman was a Cub Scout den leader and assistant Boy Scout leader for many years.

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June 29, 1983

Mr. K. J. Hesterberg
Council Executive
Algonquin Council, No. 241

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter of June 23 concerning the material on John Sherman. This will be very helpful to us and certainly enable us to refuse registration should this need arise.

A Confidential Record Sheet is being enclosed for your use. Please complete it as carefully as possible so that we may identify Mr. Sherman wherever he may move in the country.

When the trial takes place we would like to have the deposition including any sentencing which occurs. This will certainly strengthen our position for the future.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

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WILSON QUIN COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

June 23, 1983

P. O. Box 149
34 DeLoss Street
Framingham,
Massachusetts 01701
617-872-6551

Mr. Paul Ernest
Registration & Fulfillment
National Office, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062

RE: John Sherman
445 Potter Road, Framingham, Ma.
Lost River Road, Woodstock, N.H.

Serving
boys and
leaders in

Dear Paul:

As a follow up to our telephone conversation, find enclosed information gathered to date in regards to the above mentioned individual. Latest word is that the trial has been postponed until mid July. Additional allegations are forthcoming.

Note that the trial has not taken place nor has he been proven guilty. Our staff has spoken to the pack and troop committee chairpersons. Meeting scheduled for this evening (June 23) by pack for recruiting of new Cubmaster and will include District Commissioner and professional staff member for support. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your help and cooperation. As always, best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Hesterberg
Council Executive

KJH:jmk
Enclosures



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F. STARON

JUN 27 1983

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Conversation:

Morning of 6/14 -- Reverend John Ambler, First United Methodist
Church, Brook and Water Street, Framingham, MA

RE: John Sherman

It was determined that Reverend Ambler would talk to Edna Black first and then request John Sherman resign as Unit Leader. Should Reverend Ambler receive his resignation it was to be in writing and a copy forwarded to the council office containing a letter stating that Mr. Sherman had resigned and that the church was requesting council help in recruiting a new Cubmaster. Should Mr. Sherman not be willing to resign the church would then inform him that they, the church, wanted new leadership and that they were no way accusing him of any wrongdoing and thanking him for his past support. Then the council would help select new leadership.

Reverend Ambler was informed that Mr. Sherman called a meeting of the Pack and Troop committee on Friday evening at which commissioner Edna Black attended. Mr. Sherman told them he did not wish to hurt Scouting and would turn over his material to anyone. He had, according to Edna Black, received support from both committees.

Reverend Ambler was informed that on receipt of Mr. Sherman's resignation the council would forward copies of the resignation, newspaper articles, and all material to the National Office, Registration and Fulfillment Service.

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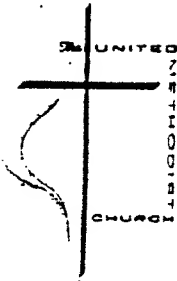
Reverend John Ambler H - 877 0949 C - 877 2151

Scouting Coordinator, George DiMatteo 872 9320

Pack Committee Chairman, Mike Jusell 877 6955

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Brook and Water Streets

FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01701

Telephone 617/877-2151

June 21, 1983

Minister
JOHN AMBLER
Phone 617/877-0849

COPY

Mr. George DiMatteo, Scouting Coordinator
1st United Methodist Church
Brook & Water Streets
Framingham, Ma. 01701

Dear George:

We request that you work with all persons
concerned to secure new leadership as follows:

Cubmaster, Cub Scout Pack #36.

Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop #36.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Wilmer J. Feld
Wilmer Feld,
Chairperson
The Administrative Board

John Ambler
John Ambler
Pastor

cc: Michael Jusell, Pack Committee Chairman
Barry Daniels, Troop Committee Chairman
Kenneth Hesterberg, Council Executive
John Sherman

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To whom it may concern,

At this time, it is in the best interest of parties concerned that I step down from my role as Cubmaster of Pack 36, and assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 36 - both of Framingham.

I sincerely hope that my current affairs/problems do not hurt, involve, or damage the Scouting programs that I've been involved with.

My reason for joining the program was a simple one - to help teach kids "the right way" and to allow them to enjoy life to the fullest (through various trips, experiences, etc.).

It's unfortunate that there are so many parents who "don't have the time" to help their own kids. This is why Scouting is important. At least someone with an interest will help the kids.

I wish my successors all the luck and good fortune in the world. The programs CAN work - we've proven that!

I hope to always be available by phone if there are questions concerning the operation of either the Pack or Troop.

Sincerely,
John Sherman

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Trial set in boy enticement

FRAMINGHAM — A local man pleaded innocent Friday to charges that he enticed two 12-year-old boys to his New Hampshire home for sex.

John Sherman, 32, of 445 Potter Road, Framingham, and also of Lost River Road, North Woodstock, N.H., was arraigned on two counts of enticing a person for prostitution or sexual intercourse at Framingham District Court Friday morning.

Judge Anthony DiBuono set bail at \$5,000 surety or \$500 cash; Sherman opted for the \$500

bail and was released, according to a court official. A trial date was set for June 17.

Sherman was arrested on a warrant at his Framingham home late Thursday night.

Police said that Sherman had enticed two boys from the Framingham area to visit his home in New Hampshire sometime in May. The youths did not tell their parents about the alleged incident until earlier this week, and the police were notified on Tuesday.

No money was believed to be exchanged, police said.

police deal

Soliciting prostitution alleged

FRAMINGHAM — A local man was jailed Thursday night on charges of enticing two area boys for prostitution, according to police.

John Sherman, 32, of 445 Potter Road, Framingham, and Lost River Road, North Woodstock, N.H., was arrested at 445 Potter Road at 11:30 p.m. on a warrant from Framingham District Court.

Police said the arrest stemmed from complaints by parents of two 12-year-old boys from the Framingham area that Sherman had attempted to entice the boys to visit his home

in New Hampshire.

The incident allegedly took place in May, police said. The boys did not tell their parents until early this week, police said.

The warrant charged him with enticing a person for the purpose of prostitution or sexual intercourse and enticing a person away for the purpose of prostitution or sexual intercourse.

Sherman was held overnight and was scheduled to be arraigned today at Framingham District Court, police said.

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Ex-Scout leader in court on sex charge

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two counts of enticing a person away for prostitution or sexual intercourse.

After bail was set by Framingham District Court Judge Anthony DiBuono, Sherman's attorney, Susan Ghatti, of Framingham, said she would file for a bail-reduction hearing in Middlesex District Court.

Tuttle had asked Judge Anthony DiBuono for \$100,000 double surety or \$20,000 cash.

Ghatti said Sherman has no prior criminal record.

The attorney she said he was born in Boston, grew up in Chestnut Hill, spent one year at Boston University, majored in communications at Curry College, worked for RKO, moved to Framingham in 1973, and bought a house here in 1977.

Ghatti called the bail-

"outrageous under the circumstances."

"There is not one reason to believe he won't be there (at the next hearing)," she said. "The notoriety of this case has basically destroyed my client's life."

Sherman, a long-time Cub Scout den master and volunteer at the Potter Road School, resigned both volunteer positions this week.

On the charges from last Friday, police said Sherman is accused of enticing two 12-year-old boys to a trailer at Lost River Road, North Woodstock, N.H., for sex.

Sherman was released last week on \$500 bail, according to court records. He was arrested on a warrant at his Framingham home on June 9.

Although police say the incident took place sometime in May, the youths did not tell their parents until early June, according to police.

No money was believed to be exchanged, police said.

Sherman is also currently being investigated by state police in New Hampshire.

"We are conducting an investigation up here," said Sgt. Thomas Kennedy of the New Hampshire state police, who declined to elaborate.

Ken Hesterberg, council executive for the Algonquin Boy Scout Council in Framingham, said Sherman was a volunteer Cub Scout master for "a number of years."

"The man has not been proved guilty at this point. The organization is asking him to step aside until such time as this thing has been cleared up," Hesterberg said.

Sherman "has voluntarily stepped aside. We have a verbal resignation, and there is to be a written one," Hesterberg said this morning.

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"His appearance and attitude has always been very professional here, so it's quite a shock," Matthews said. "He's always very professional straightforward."

Sherman worked at the school for approximately one to two hours per week, Matthews said.

Most recently, Sherman was a volunteer reading tutor, Matthews said. He also helped the school tape a monthly radio show that aired over the school's public address system, as well as videoing television shows. He also was involved in ski patrol during winter months.

Former Scout leader in court on sex charges

By PAULA LOVEJOY
News Staff Writer

FRAMINGHAM — A former Scout leader and grade-school volunteer pleaded innocent to 11 more complaints of sex crimes against juveniles today in Framingham district court.

John Sherman, 32, of 445 Potter Road, Framingham, was jailed at Billerica House of Corrections in lieu of \$25,000 surety or \$2,500 cash bail on charges which included statutory rape, sodomy, indecent assault and battery and enticing a person for the purpose of sex.

The case was continued until June 23.

The new complaints involve two victims who are both juveniles and involve a series of dates including March 12, May 7 and June 1, according to Middlesex Assistant District Attorney Felicity Tuttle.

His alleged victims were "apparently persons known to the defendant," Tuttle said.

The new complaints were filed during a pre-trial conference today which was scheduled last week when Sherman pleaded innocent to

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Former scout leader, sex crime suspect, freed on bail

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The charges against Sherman included statutory rape, sodomy, indecent assault and battery and enticing a person for the purpose of sex, according to records.

Susan Ghetti is the attorney assigned to Sherman's case, but she was out of town and unavailable for comment, Waldstein said.

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Former Cub Scout volunteer in court today on sex charges

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News Staff Writer

FRAMINGHAM — A former Scout leader and volunteer in a local grade school was scheduled to appear in district court this morning on charges of enticing local boys to his New Hampshire home for sex.

John Sherman, 32, of 445 Potter Road; Framingham pleaded innocent at arraignment in Framingham District Court last Friday to two counts of enticing a person away for prostitution or sexual intercourse.

Judge Anthony DiBuono continued the case until today, when a conference was expected between prosecutors and Sherman's attorneys.

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address system, as well as videotaping television shows. He also was involved in ski patrol during the winter months.

"As I understand it, he was advised not to be here; he hasn't appeared here ... ever since the initial news came out," Matthews said.

When asked if there had been any problems with Sherman, "To be honest, nobody has complained to me," Matthews replied.

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